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Inside Musical merger

Band members from Charleston Sound Machine and Trickle Down combine with a professor to form a new summer sound.

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Sports Turning pro

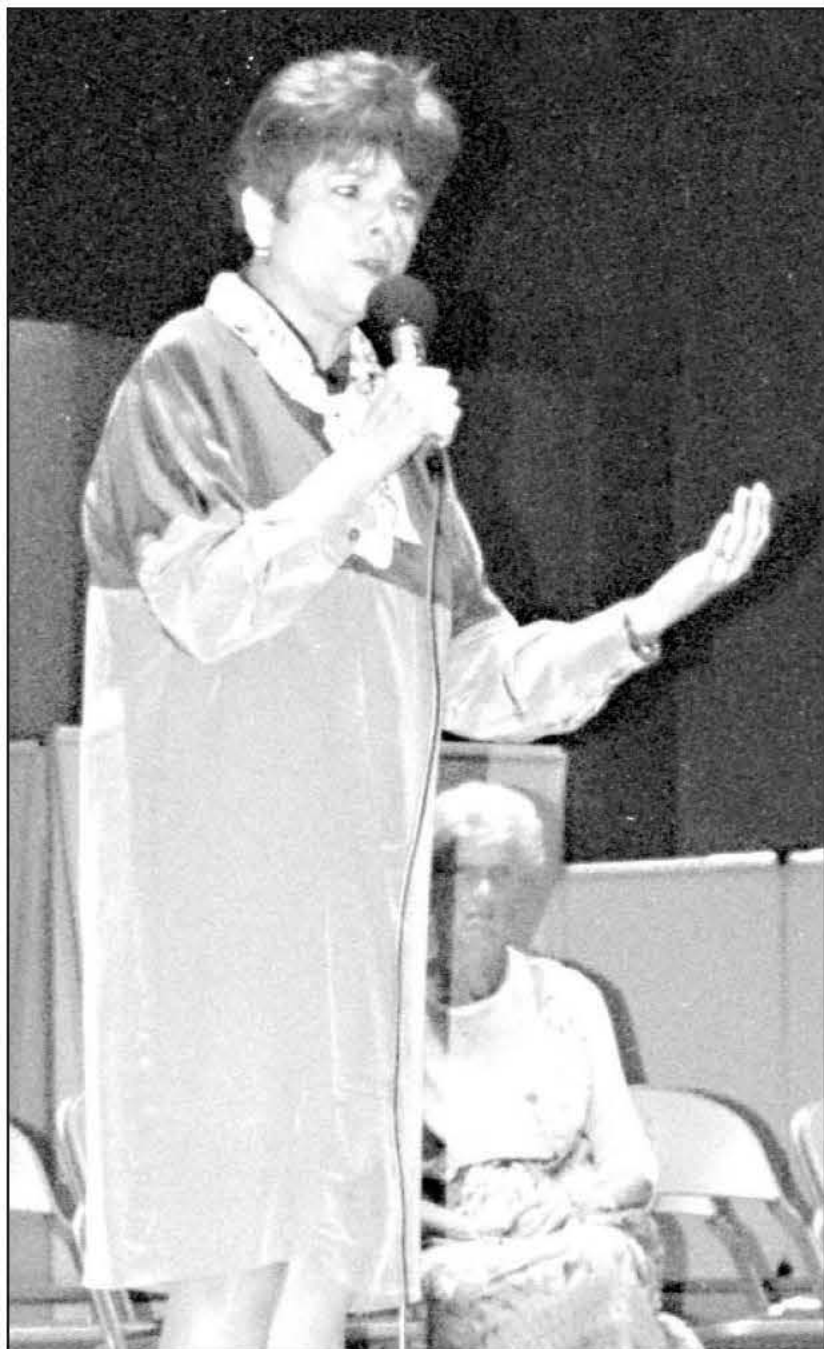
Eastern pitcher John Larson may be headed to Pittsburgh if a deal with the Pirates goes through.

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

'We've come a long way'



Nicole Meinheit / Staff photographer

Judy Baar Topinka, state treasurer, told high school students attending Girls State Monday in the Dvorak Concert Hall that females will have to work harder to achieve the same status in politics as men, but it is the voters who will benefit from a woman's hard work. Topinka is one of the speakers that addressed the more than 500 females on campus this week to learn about the inter-working of state government.

The first female president has already been born, Topinka says

By Jamie Moore and
Barbara Quinlan
Staff writers

Women will have to work harder than men to succeed in politics, but that gives the citizens a better deal, said Judy Baar Topinka, State Treasurer, when she spoke at the 60th annual Girls State Illinois Auxiliary Convention.

"(It's) neat to see how far we have come as women in general," Topinka said.

Topinka started her career as a journalist, graduating from Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, before moving on to politics. Since her political start in 1980, she has served four years in the House of Representatives and eight years in the Senate before becoming

the first female State Treasurer for Illinois.

"Women have had to work harder in politics," she said.

Politics takes a lot of sacrificing, thick skin, the ability to roll with the punches, and the strength to fight back, Topinka said.

She believes this makes one a better person whom people will look up to and respect.

Women have been breaking the glass ceiling but a lot more ceilings are out there to be broken, she said.

With more women in the legislature, issues such as child care and breast cancer are being pushed more, Topinka said.

Currently 58 women serve in the House of Representatives

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Atglance

Girls State speakers

Wednesday

Eileen Jones
State Treasurer's Office
2 p.m. Dvorak Concert Hall

Thursday

Corrine Wood
Illinois Lt. Governor
2 p.m. Dvorak Concert Hall

Friday

Teri Wiley
Scholarship/Education program
9 a.m. Dvorak Concert Hall

Search for new vice president to begin in fall

By Linhai Liew
News editor

The search for the new vice president for Academic Affairs will begin in the fall, said Bonnie Irwin, chairman for the selection committee.

Selection of other committee members will be carried out in early fall and various groups will be asked to suggest members for the committee, Irwin said.

These groups will include the student senate and groups made up of the faculty.

"We decided we can't start (selecting committee members) in summer because so many of the students and faculty aren't here," Irwin said.

There will be about 12 members in the committee and they

will then work out the criteria for the job, Irwin said.

The search will find a replacement for Teshome Abebe who will leave his administrative position in the fall and assume the duties a professor in the Economics department, said Eastern president Carol Surles in a written statement.

The statement did not specify whether Abebe or Surles requested the move and no further information is available from the university, said Shelly Flock, director of Media Relations.

Abebe has served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs since July 1998. Prior to coming to Eastern, Abebe was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

Keeping the family tradition

Belleville lawyer third generation Waltrip to graduate from Eastern

By Jamie Moore
Assoc. News Editor

Graduating from Eastern was in the family for third generation graduate, Brad Waltrip.

Waltrip, who is originally from Mattoon, graduated in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in creative writing. After graduation, Waltrip attended the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale School of Law.

Waltrip was not the first of his family to attend Eastern. His father, Thomas Waltrip, received his bachelor's of Science and his master's from Eastern and his grandmother, Pauline Waltrip, graduated from Eastern in the '20s.

Waltrip always knew that he wanted to go into law. He felt that getting an undergraduate degree in English was practical for all the writing the law profession demands.

It is important for lawyers to have a strong foundation in writing, Waltrip said.

When looking back on Eastern, Waltrip feels that Eastern prepared and trained him well for the law world.

While at Eastern, English

I got a degree in English NowWhat?

A weekly series spotlighting alums

Professor Tim Shonk left a lasting memory on Waltrip.

"I liked (Professor Shonk's) methods for teaching," he said. "I thought he took a real interest in his students."

Waltrip's favorite classes were his English classes. He liked creative writing classes the most because they were the most challenging to him, he said.

Waltrip has been practicing private law since graduation from law school in 1987.

Currently, Waltrip practices at the law firm of "Mathis, Marifian, Richter and Grandy," located in downtown Belleville.

His law firm has sixteen practicing lawyers who mostly concentrate in business, tax and estate planning.

Waltrip is married to Elaine LeChien, who is also an attorney. They have two sons, Thomas and Stephen.

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FTC begins investigation of gas prices, lawmakers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission has opened a formal investigation into soaring gasoline prices in some areas of the Midwest and will begin issuing subpoenas to oil companies by the end of the week, congressional sources said Tuesday.

FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky told some members of the Illinois congressional delegation that sudden price spikes in the Chicago and Milwaukee areas and elsewhere are "sufficiently questionable" to warrant formal investigation into possible price gouging and collusion, according to one lawmaker present.

"The fact that they're moving forward with

this investigation will be a clear signal to the oil companies to bring down prices immediately," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who was among those who met with Pitofsky on Capitol Hill.

At the request of the Clinton administration, the FTC has been conducting for the past week an informal inquiry into steep gasoline price increases in the Midwest. Until now the agency's actions amounted to informal fact-finding, with no threat of subpoenas or requirement for companies to cooperate.

Durbin said Pitofsky told him and other Illinois lawmakers that now the agency will pursue a formal investigation and begin issuing sub-

poenas to companies connected with the refining, distribution and sale of gasoline by the end of the week.

Vice President Al Gore, citing reports of huge profits by the oil companies this year, told a group of reporters "the circumstances clearly warrant a broadened investigation to see if there is collusion."

While Gore indicated he would like to see the FTC probe focus beyond the Midwest, indications were the agency at least initially would confine its investigation to the Chicago-Milwaukee corridor, where prices have soared well beyond \$2 a gallon.

Topinka

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"Believe in yourself as a woman. You are the force of life in the world."

Judy Barr Topinka,
Illinois State treasurer

and nine serve in the Senate, she said.

Topinka said that she wants to make sure that women have the same rights and opportunities as men.

However, Topinka believes that women should not rely on affirmative action and rather use their merit.

A person's merit should be a payoff, Topinka said.

"(We) shouldn't put a woman in a power position just because she is a woman, Topinka said. "Both men and women are suitable for (the) jobs."

She believes that women have become equal in society.

It is time to take the ball and

run with it, she said.

"I am firmly convinced that the first woman president is (already) born," Topinka said. "(We) will see it in our lifetime."

Topinka urged the girls to remember that the world still has countries where women are being burned to death because of improper dowries or stoned to death for violating certain religious rules.

"(Our) rights (as women) are very important to us," she said.

Topinka reminded girls to remember that their opinion is as

good as everyone else's and that power is never shared but taken and maintained.

She urged the young girls to be enthusiastic about life, to keep focused and not to become distracted in what they do.

Girls State allows girls to come together and exchange healthy new ideas and to garner support from each other, Topinka said.

Overall, Topinka told the girls to believe in themselves.

"Believe in yourself as a woman," Topinka said. "You are the force of life in the world

police blotter

■ Danny W. Van Dyke, 27, of the 1400 block of Jackson Avenue was charged with domestic battery at 2:38 p.m. Friday at his residence, a police report said.

■ Mark R. Williams, 22, and Ryan A. Peterson, 21, both of the 700 block of Jackson were charged with disturbing the peace at 2:45 and 3:25 a.m. on Sunday at their residence, a police report said.

■ Michael L. Beem, 33, of Mattoon was charged with disorderly conduct at 8:57 p.m. on Saturday at 950 West Lincoln Ave., a police report said.

Tradition

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Waltrip was involved in extra-curricular activities while enrolled in college. At Eastern he

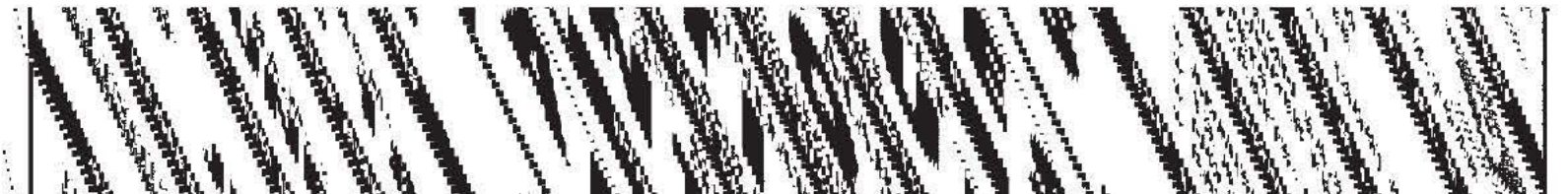
was a member of the English Club and while attending law school he served a year on the Board of Editors for the Southern Illinois University Law Journal.

Even after graduation, Waltrip is still involved with Eastern. He is serving his second year on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

At home, Waltrip takes an active role in the education of his children.

His son Thomas attends a local Montessori school where Waltrip has served on the Board of Directors for two years.

When Waltrip is not practicing law, he enjoys music and camping.



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3 candidates interview for director of Student Life

Brinker says she brings experience to position

By Josh Niziolekiewicz
Administration editor

Cecilia Brinker says she brings to campus the experience of having worked in the Student Life Office at Eastern for the past 15 years.

Brinker is currently the acting director of student life. She served as the assistant director for 14 years where her emphasis was multi-cultural affairs.

Brinker said that she sees opportunity for growth in the Office of Student Life.

"I want to take the Student Life Office to the next level," Brinker said. "It has been very successful in the past, and I want to continue to bring new ideas to the forefront."

Brinker says this includes developing new programs, creating opportunities to serve

Recognized Student Organization in new ways, making website registration convenient for students, and expanding leadership in development programs.

"Our greek area is pretty strong, but it still has an opportunity to grow and succeed," Brinker said. "I would like to bridge the gap between the three greek councils to make it part of one main greek area."

Brinker has received both her Masters of Science in Education-Psychology and Guidance, and a Bachelor of Science in Education here at Eastern.

"I want to look at different areas and sit down with staff to prioritize issues," Brinker said. "I want to assess how we can plan to go about making changes."

Callen looking to give students more programs

By Josh Niziolekiewicz
Administration editor

Gregory Callen's goal is to be successful and to give students the programs they are looking for.

Callen said that his fifteen years of programming experience makes him the best candidate to communicate with students.

He has worked with traditional events, regular programs and special events, providing \$80,000 concerts to students besides their every year activities.

"If I have a student come in with a vision, I will work with and fight for the student," Callen said. "I enjoy working with students."

Callen mentioned that he has been away from schools for three years, and feels a void

because that enrichment is gone from his life.

Besides talking about his experience, Callen addressed particular problems that were affecting this campus.

"If the student government chooses to, they should be able to fund Recognized Student Organizations," Callen said.

Callen also addressed greek life on campus.

"The Inter-Fraternity Council has to give up some power and authority to create a central organization on campus," Callen said. "Don't serve a narrow, special focus at the expense of the student body."

Callen has obtained two collegiate degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Education at Illinois State University in Normal and a Master of Science at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Ahlers says director spot should be student focused

By Nicole Meinheit
Editor in chief

Carman Ahlers said she would make the position of director of Student Life more student focused, in an on-campus interview session Friday.

"The programs are not for me. The activities are not for me," Ahlers said. "The programs and activities are for the students."

Ahlers is currently the coordinator for greek life at the University of North Dakota which has 1,000 greek students, she said.

Currently, Ahlers is working on a project to open a specialty shop on the campus of the University of North Dakota that will sell convenience store type items along with greeting cards.

At Eastern, Ahlers is hoping to expand her work with greek organizations to all student groups.

"Students who tend to join greek life tend to be involved in everything, but there are a lot of wonderful students that aren't greek and they need to be involved," Ahlers said.

Ahlers said student organizations could be promoted through orientation, residence halls, RSO fairs and award programs.

The position appealed to Ahlers because it was an opportunity to advance.

Ahlers has obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administrations-Accounting at the University of South Dakota, and a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration at the University of Kansas.

Council approves loan

Amber Williams
City editor

The Charleston City Council passed an ordinance Tuesday that will allow the city to enter into a loan agreement with the Citizens National Bank.

Charleston will be entering into a five-year loan agreement with Citizens National Bank for an amount of \$20,037.60 to purchase new city vehicles and equipment, said Mayor Dan Cougill.

"The decision to adopt this program will be very beneficial to the city," said Bill Riebe, city manager.

The difference in interest rates for this loan is much less, the city can pay for the principle with the difference in interest rates, Riebe

said.

Council members also approved an ordinance to enter into a contract with the firm of Frelich, Leitner and Carlisle to analyze, update and revise the existing zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, Cougill said.

The entire project will cost no more than \$81,995 and take approximately 11 months to complete, Riebe said.

The firm will organize 10 focus groups in order to get citizen's participation in the decision making process, Cougill said.

In other business, the council approved \$1,000 to go towards the Bambino State Tournament.

The city council meeting slated for July 4 will be moved to July 5 at 7:30 p.m., because of the holiday.

Education program murals on display

By Amber Bowman
Staff writer

The current exhibit at the Tarble Arts Center is a collage of murals from area education programs sponsored by the Illinois Arts Council.

Items in the exhibit were donated by Tarble classes and community schools, said Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center.

Among these items are a ceramic wall relief, two acrylic collage murals, two large acrylic on masonite murals, three murals on pressboard and a four panel recreation of a famous painting, Watts said.

The subjects of these murals

range from Raphael's "Saint George Slaying the Dragon" to a collage of Charleston, including local landmarks and buildings, Watts said.

The program consists of a number of classes which are taught by professional artists who rotate on a weekly basis between different age ranges of students, Watts said. The students get a chance to work directly with the artist and the rotation allows students to experience a variety of styles.

Kit Morice, curator of education, is responsible for creating this exhibit.

Besides recruiting schools to participate in the exhibit, Morice developed the education programs as an outreach for students from preschool through high school.

The exhibit opened on June 10 and will remain in the main galleries until August 13.

Tarble's hours are 10 a.m. to 4p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4p.m. on Sunday. The center is closed on Mondays and on July 4.

The Illinois Arts Council offers these programs in the spring, summer, and fall in areas all around the state.

The cost of entering each program varies depending on the length of the class and the materials used within the class.

The prices of classes this summer range from \$24 to \$45.

Information on fall classes will be published soon.

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Students in the spotlight

In the summer months it is not alarming to see younger people walking around Eastern's campus or hanging out in the North or South quads, but it may be disturbing or disruptive to the campus regulars daily activities.

Every year Eastern hosts a number of camps and conferences with participants from both the junior high and high school levels.

Things like high school state track meets, Boys and Girls state, and freshman orientation programs can bring in big numbers of campus visitors.

Packs of camp and conference attendees can be seen walking around campus and up and down Lincoln Avenue.

Promoting Eastern

Eastern students should put their best face forward when visitors come to the campus

They march together in swarms, flooding into fast food restaurants and clogging up lines. All the while becoming a hindrance to other people around campus and in town, simply because most people are not used to it.

However, regardless of the inconvenience or disturbance created, students need to exhibit good behavior when visitors are in town because they are being watched.

In fact students should even appreciate these camps and conferences and welcome them as opportunities to make Eastern a more recognized university.

Without Boys and Girls State Eastern would have missed out on having several prominent government officials visit in one month.

Gov. George Ryan spoke at their closing ceremony of Boys State last week, the Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka, came to speak at Girls State Monday night and Illinois Lt. Corrine Wood, is scheduled to speak Thursday.

Therefore, not only is it vital that Eastern students be on their best behavior because they can be the deciding factor in a prospective student's choice of school, but also because they can better the universities reputation, and heighten it's opportunities.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Today's quote

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.

Alexander Pope,
English Poet, 1688-1744

Don't wait for media read the book

While on a recent shopping adventure, I decided to stop at the Barnes and Noble for a new steamy summer novel. While wandering the aisles of the super-store, I could not help but notice a large display featuring all of the books that Oprah had chosen for her book club that had also made the bestseller list.

It seems that every book that makes Oprah's coveted list immediately tops the bestseller lists and rushes to the front display of bookshelves.

Many women anxiously anticipate Oprah's next pick and quickly read the novel in hopes of being the next person to go to Oprah's house and discuss the book in depth.

Now, it is not that I have anything against a person trying to encourage reading, but do we really need to let other people tell us what we should read.

I really don't think that "She's Come Undone" by Wally Lamb or "While I Was Gone" by Sue Miller should be considered as the new classics.

While I am on the topic of classics, we all were taught about what authors wrote the supposed "classics" back in high school.

Writers like Tolstoy, Shakespeare, Hemingway and Dante have all been revered like deities and their books held up as the best of the literature genre. Meanwhile, many other great lesser-known authors are dismissed and forgotten.

It seems as though if a book has not been placed on the classics list or gets looked over for Oprah's book club, people think it may not be worth reading.

Despite the fact that many good books do fall into these



Amber Williams
Campus/City editor

"Do we really need to let other people tell us what we should read?"

categories, it is not a bad idea to give an unknown author a try. After all, I would take "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden over Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina" any day. Everyone's tastes are so individual and original, it seems a shame that we need to be spoon-fed what literature is readable and what is not.

In recent years, it also seems that a person is just as

likely to find a good book on the bookshelves as they are on the movie screen.

"The Cider House Rules," "Snow Falling on Cedars" and "Where the Heart Is" have all just been made into major motion pictures, which leads people to ask the age-old question: "Oh, was that a book too?"

As soon as a book gets chopped up and spewed into movie format, the book is also re-released sporting a new cover with an actor's or actress' picture plastered on the front.

As we all know, the book is almost always better than the movie, and although it may not be cheaper, you could most likely make the book last longer and take more meaning out of it too.

I could understand the strong emotions of the characters in "Girl, Interrupted" much better in paperback than I could on the big screen.

So go ahead and venture to the bookstore this summer and pick up a novel, without Oprah's stamp of approval.

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Wednesday flashback

This is a series that looks back at cartoon that have run in past editions of The Daily Eastern News. Today cartoon originally ran on Thursday January 31, 1980

The Raunchy Roommates



Portfolio opens more avenues for cheating

I was pleased that Professor Mary Durkin Wohlrabe apparently agrees with the general thrust of my guest column published on June 12.

Ms. Wohlrabe, in a June 14 letter to the editor, says "I was happy to see the column (by Allan Keith) regarding the competency of our graduates. We all share that concern."

Ms. Wohlrabe, however, strongly disagrees with my view that the Writing Competency Exam should be retained.

However, the letter does not deal with the critical problem of cheating and fraud. For the most part, the submissions to the new writing portfolio do not have to actually be written in a classroom setting. This means that the writing samples could be taken off of the Internet, written by a friend, or the student could hire someone to write the paper. Furthermore, the Writing Center at Eastern might give so much "assistance" to a student that the final prod-

Your turn

Letters to the editor

uct is no longer the student's in any real sense.

National college surveys show cheating at a very high level, so we must assume there would be a great deal of cheating involved in the portfolio plan.

The new writing portfolio really does not test the writing skill of students. The entire plan is a scam whose purpose is to ensure that virtually all students "pass." I understand that the failure rate on the current Writing Competency Exam is about 8 percent. I think we can be certain that the failure rate under the new plan will be close to zero.

It is important to note that the Council on Academic Affairs was not unanimous in approving the portfolio. There were several dissenting votes.

People who are concerned about the competency of Eastern's graduates

should want to retain a legitimate means by which minimal writing competency can be determined.

Elimination of the Writing Competency Exam is simply another step toward turning Eastern into a diploma mill.

Allan H. Keith
Mattoon resident

Letter policy

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They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

Words of Wisdom

from your Crazy Uncle Matt

To camp or not to camp, what was the question?



As I said last week, summer is upon us and many changes have overtaken the serene community that is Eastern Illinois University. Due to space I wasn't really able to expand on a certain thing that makes Eastern so damn strange over the summer ... the CAMPS.

For those of you who haven't seen thousands of junior high and high school students roaming the campus ... WAKE UP and smell the hormones! These kids are everywhere. They have taken over this campus like the ants swarming on a melting ice cream cone on a hot July day (woah that was poetic).

****NOTE****

Now before anyone gets all defensive, let me just state that I work for the Camps and Conferences Department here at Eastern and it's the greatest job in the world (OK ... maybe not the

world ... but definitely in a five mile radius). So I reserve the right to poke fun at the various camps that visit Eastern ... I tease because I love!

These camps are definitely interesting. It is almost like the entire South Quad is transformed into this whole other country ... kind of like "Lord of the Flies" except no severed pig's head (as of yet).

The campers themselves provide hours upon hours of entertainment. It's funny to see the way the football campers stare at every girl like they have never seen a person of the opposite sex, but I can't lay all the staring blame on the guys ... some of the cheerleading camps are just as bad, and of course it's always

amusing to see 500 girls refer to their male counterparts as "trees."

It is now time to present to you, my fabulous readers, something a little different. With the help of my fellow CAs, I am proud to present to you the Top 10 Camps That You Will Never See at Eastern ... drum roll please:

10. The Monica Lewinsky "Oral Hygiene" Camp
9. Uncle Ted's Mail room Etiquette Camp
8. David Koresh's Religious Freedom Camp (Sunday-Wednesday)
7. Jeffrey Dohmer's BBQ Hoedown (Wednesday-Saturday)
6. The I'm Ugly and I Know it Camp (Closed to the Public)
5. The N'Sync Sing Like Us Camp
4. Snipers R US (Same week as #5)
3. The John Wayne Gacey Clown Camp
2. The George Ryan How to Get Ahead in Politics Camp

And finally the number one camp that will never attend Eastern is ...

1. The Loreana Bobbit Woodcarving Camp (OUCH!)

There are tons more camps that would never come but as I have said before, space is limited. If you think of any please feel free to e-mail them to me (my address is at the bottom of the column).

Well that's it for this week and remember ... if you are confronted by a gaggle of giggling campers ... just ignore them. They are more scared of you than you are of them.

Disclaimer: The views of Matt Fear are completely and totally satirical. No offense was intended in the writing of this column. Any resemblance to anyone alive, dead or otherwise is purely coincidental.

Please send general praise, death threats, hate mail and marriage proposals to mfear@hotmail.com. Thank you and have a nice day!

Two bands merge

by nicole meinheit
editor in chief

Take a little Blues music throw in some Reggae and Classic Rock along with members from two local bands and what have you got?

Uncle Filthy and the Cub Scouts.

Brent Byrd and Zack Idle formerly of Trickle Down and Tim Piatek and Jason Racult formerly of The Charleston Sound Machine along with English professor, and Uncle Filthy himself, Bob Zordani, combined forces to create some live entertainment for the summer.

"So far its going pretty well," said Piatek who plays the drums and piano for the new band.

The new band has Byrd on lead guitar and vocals, Idle on bass guitar and vocals, Racult on drums and Zordani on the harmonica.

All of the members were staying in Charleston for the summer and wanted to play. Since none of their individual bands were here, they decided to begin practicing together and then performing together.

After their first performance bar owners were beginning to take notice of them, Piatek said.

"Were the only live thing around this summer," Piatek said.

They have already played at Top of the Roc.



Sara Figiel/Photo editor

Uncle Filthy and the Cub Scouts feature: Brent Byrd, Jason Racult, Bob Zordani, Time Piatek and Zack Idle.

The Uptowner and Mike and Stan's. Last week they also played at the Hideaway in Champaign.

This week they will be rocking Mike and Stan's with their own blend of Blues Tunes with Classic Rock like the Allmon Brothers, Steve Miller and Tom Petty.

They will take the stage at 10 p.m. Thursday.

Bookends

Africa in My Blood

Jane Goodall
edited by Dale Peterson

by jamie moore
Verge editor

For those of you who enjoy being transported to a far away land, "Africa in my Blood," is the book for you.

Jane Goodall, known for her work with chimpanzees in Gombe, has released her letters from childhood to her coming of age in 1962 in the newly released book.

The book consists solely of letters starting as early as 1942 and runs through the summer of 1952. One can see her love for animals grow deeper in each letter and stage of life she goes through.

The book reads much like that of a gripping novel, causing you to want to keep turning pages to the next exciting adventure that Jane experiences.

The following excerpt is from the childhood years. The reader is able to see how Goodall's life already revolves around her love for animal life.

[Postmarked October 18, 1946]
Dear Sally,

This is a very short messy pencil letter. I'm terribly sorry, but I shant have time to get the Aligator Society Magazine together. I come

home at 6.0 and do prep till about 7, and on Saturday mornings I do prep and then ride, on Sunday I do prep on and off all day. You see I have 8 preps in the weekends, and about 6 of them are usually writing ones ...

To keep the letters accurate, the Goodall has left spelling and punctuation errors intact. This allows the reader the ability to see how her stages of educational development as well as personal growth.

Goodall's autobiography is a heart-warming account of a woman with a dream. It is an easy summer read that will captivate you from the first page.

Standoff

Sandra Brown

by nicole meinheit
editor in chief

If you hate reporters, this isn't the book to change your mind.

Sandra Brown's "Stand Off" conveniently places Tiel McCoy, the star reporter for a Fort Worth television station, as a hostage of two teenage runaways, one the very pregnant daughter of a Fort Worth millionaire.

But the story gets bigger.

In the midst of holding up a convenience store along a deso-

late stretch of Texas highway, the daughter, Sabra, goes into labor, and it's not an easy one.

Brown offers the reader a definite attention getter. The plot twists and turn throughout the book leaving the reader only to wonder what will happen next.

The story of the reporter with the scoop of a lifetime and her decision of whether to report on the story or help the people in the story along with the desperate actions of two teenagers are enough to fill the pages of the book, but the author throws in a few other twists that the plot could do without.

The novel also leaves the reader guessing where a reporter draws the line between covering the news and helping people.

While McCoy roles up her sleeves to help with the delivery, her thoughts are always going towards getting the story and securing her place as the anchor of a new news magazine being launched at her station.

Even in the hostage situation she follows her reporter's instincts risking people's lives to get video footage and risking her integrity to tape record private conversations.

The book is definitely a pages turner, but not something that will renew your faith in reporters, and maybe not even in people.

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6/28

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Roommates

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6/28

Announcements

Are you tired of good, "clean" fun? If so, then come to Mike and Stan's on Thursday for a filthy good time. Uncle Filthy is bringing the Cub Scouts to town and many merit badges will be awarded. Show starts at 10:00!!! We got the filth!!! You gotta have some filth!!!

6/21

CampusClips

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES. Students must formally apply for University Admission to Teacher Education. This is done by attending a meeting. Students who have not previously applied must attend. This week's meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 1-1:50 p.m. in 1501 Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

PLEASE NOTE: Campus Clips are run free of charge ONE DAY ONLY for any non-profit, campus organizational event. No parties or fundraising activities and events will be printed. All clips should be submitted to The Daily Eastern News office by noon ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE DATE OF EVENT. Example: an event scheduled for Thursday should be submitted as a Campus Clip by NOON by Wednesday. (Thursday is deadline for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday events.) Clips submitted AFTER DEADLINE WILL NOT be published. No clips will be taken by phone. Any clip that is illegible or contains conflicting information WILL NOT BE RUN. Clips may be edited for available space.

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SUMMER REFUND DEADLINE
The deadline for WITHDRAWING from Summer 8WK classes in order to be billed only for insurance plus 50 percent of the remaining cost is Tuesday, June 27.
—Brent A. Gage- Director, Registration & Orientation
ALL STUDENTS
If you are attending any class in which your name does not appear on the Official Fifth-Day Class Roster, immediately contact the Registration Office to resolve the problem. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF CREDIT.
—Brent A. Gage-Director, Registration & Orientation
4 WEEK 1 GRADES
Students may access 4 week 1 grades through P.A.W.S. beginning July 11. The grades will be mailed, to the student's home, no later than July 12. Academic standing, class level and grade point averages will not be posted until the end of the 8-week session.
—Sue Harvey- Director of Academic Records

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- 24 With all the edges aligned
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- 35 Let go of
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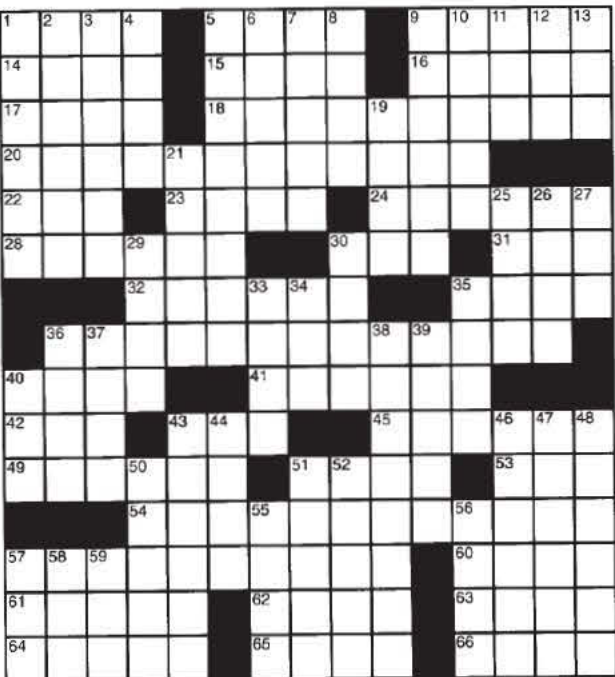
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- 5 A deadly sin
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- 8 Big storm
- 9 Polished
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- 11 Singular prefix
- 12 Darling of Shea
- 13 Kind of leaf
- 19 Guadalajara girl
- 21 Some cubes
- 25 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
- 26 Center of French resistance in W.W. II
- 27 Slangy affirmative
- 29 Loving
- 30 Hebridean isle
- 33 Oklahoma tribe
- 34 Common Dungeons & Dragons foe

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Zack Butler

- 35 Facts
- 36 Joe Tynan's portrayer, 1979
- 37 Atop
- 38 Like patio dining
- 39 Auctioneer's word
- 40 Target
- 43 Strictly in the style of
- 44 Door latch
- 46 Poet Pablo
- 47 Further away, in a way
- 48 Ancient Semite
- 50 Sully
- 51 Essen entreaty
- 52 Muscle protein
- 55 Needy
- 56 Plenty angry
- 57 Sound booster
- 58 Jacqueline Onassis ____ Bouvier
- 59 A few Z's

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute).
Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

Chicago Bulls cut Will Perdue

CHICAGO (AP) — Will Perdue, who collected four NBA championship rings in Chicago and San Antonio, was cut Tuesday by the Bulls.

The team issued a nine-word statement, adding there would be no news conference for the 7-foot center, who was the last remaining Bulls player from the team's first

three titles. Guard B.J. Armstrong, another member of the 1991-93 champs who returned to the team last season, retired in April.

The Bulls failed to exercise a \$4.8 million option for 2000-01 on Perdue. He signed a \$5.2 million one-year, free-agent contract last August.

Perdue, 34, spent seven seasons

with Chicago, then was traded on Oct. 2, 1995 to the San Antonio Spurs for Dennis Rodman.

In 1997-98 at San Antonio, he had a career season, averaging 8.7 points and 9.8 rebounds, while subbing for an injured David Robinson.

Perdue saw limited action on the Spurs' 1999 title team.

Rocker plans to take No. 7 train in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — John Rocker can't wait to get to New York next week — and ride the subway with all the people he insulted last year.

"The first day I get to New York, I'm getting on the (No.) 7 train," the Atlanta Braves reliever told USA Today Baseball Weekly, which hits the newsstands Wednesday. "I'm taking it to Shea Stadium. I won't be in a cab. I won't be on the bus. I'll be on that train."

"And I'm looking forward to it."

Rocker said he won't initiate any conversations with people on the train, "but if someone wants to talk to me, that's fine."

It was that same subway line that Rocker insulted in an interview with Sports Illustrated last December.

"Imagine having to take the 7 train looking like you're (in) Beirut next to some kid with purple hair, next to some queer with AIDS, right next to some dude

who got out of jail for the fourth time, right next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids. It's depressing."

"The biggest thing I don't like about New York are the foreigners," Rocker said in the Sports Illustrated interview. "You can walk an entire block in Times Square and not hear anybody speaking English. Asians and Koreans and Vietnamese and Indians and Russians and Spanish people and everything up there. How the hell did they get in this country?"

After the story came out, Rocker was suspended for a month and fined \$20,000 by commissioner Bud Selig. The players association appealed, and an arbitrator reduced the penalty to a two-week suspension and \$500 fine.

The Braves also fined Rocker \$5,000 last month for threatening the Sports Illustrated reporter who wrote the story revealing Rocker's offensive comments about gays, minorities and foreigners.

Scoreboard

NBA			1977-78 - Washington Bullets			Central Division			Kansas City at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.			San Diego 30 38 9 1/2		
CHAMPIONS LIST			1978-79 - Seattle Supersonics			W L GB			Thursday's Games			Monday's Results		
1946-47 - Philadelphia Warriors			1979-80 - Los Angeles Lakers			Chicago 45 24 —			Detroit at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.			Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1		
1947-48 - Baltimore Bullets			1980-81 - Boston Celtics			Cleveland 35 31 8 1/2			N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:05 p.m.			Milwaukee 2, Florida 0		
1948-49 - Minneapolis Lakers			1981-82 - Los Angeles Lakers			Kansas City 33 34 10 1/2			Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.			Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2		
1949-50 - Minneapolis Lakers			1982-83 - Philadelphia 76ers			Minnesota 30 40 15 1/2			Minnesota at Texas, 10:05 p.m.			Arizona 3, San Diego 2		
1950-51 - Rochester Royals			1983-84 - Boston Celtics			Detroit 26 38 16 1/2			Baltimore at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.			Tuesday's Results		
1951-52 - Minneapolis Lakers			1984-85 - Los Angeles Lakers			West Division			Kansas City at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.			Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 1		
1952-53 - Minneapolis Lakers			1985-86 - Boston Celtics			W L GB			National League			Florida 8, Milwaukee 2		
1953-54 - Minneapolis Lakers			1986-87 - Los Angeles Lakers			Oakland 41 29 —			East Division			Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Mets 2		
1954-55 - Syracuse Nationals			1987-88 - Los Angeles Lakers			Seattle 37 30 2 1/2			W L GB			Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2		
1955-56 - Philadelphia Warriors			1988-89 - Detroit Pistons			Anaheim 35 33 5			Atlanta 42 27 —			Atlanta 11, Chicago Cubs 4		
1956-57 - Boston Celtics			1989-90 - Detroit Pistons			Texas 31 36 8 1/2			New York 37 29 3 1/2			Los Angeles at Houston, 8:05 p.m.		
1957-58 - St. Louis Hawks			1990-91 - Chicago Bulls			Monday's Results			Montreal 35 31 5 1/2			San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.		
1958-59 - Boston Celtics			1991-92 - Chicago Bulls			N.Y. Yankees 22, Boston 1			Florida 33 37 9 1/2			San Diego at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.		
1959-60 - Boston Celtics			1992-93 - Chicago Bulls			Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 1			Philadelphia 27 40 14			Thursday's Games		
1960-61 - Boston Celtics			1993-94 - Houston Rockets			Tampa Bay 10, Seattle 3			St. Louis 39 29 —			Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.		
1961-62 - Boston Celtics			1994-95 - Houston Rockets			Oakland 13, Baltimore 12			Cincinnati 32 35 6 1/2			Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.		
1962-63 - Boston Celtics			1995-96 - Chicago Bulls			Tuesday's Games			Chicago 29 39 10			Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.		
1963-64 - Boston Celtics			1996-97 - Chicago Bulls			Oakland 8, Baltimore 5			Pittsburgh 29 39 10			Milwaukee at Florida, 7:05 p.m.		
1964-65 - Boston Celtics			1997-98 - Chicago Bulls			Detroit 18, Toronto 6			Milwaukee 29 40 10 1/2			Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.		
1965-66 - Boston Celtics			1998-99 - San Antonio Spurs			N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 0			Houston 25 43 14			Los Angeles at Houston, 8:05 p.m.		
1966-67 - Philadelphia 76ers			1999-2000 - Los Angeles Lakers			Cleveland4, Chicago White Sox 1			West Division			San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.		
1967-68 - Boston Celtics						Texas 5, Minnesota 2			W L GB			Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.		
1968-69 - Boston Celtics						Tampa Bay at Seattle			Arizona 40 29 —			Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.		
1969-70 - New York Knicks						Kansas City at Anaheim			Colorado 37 27 1/2			Milwaukee at Florida, 7:05 p.m.		
1970-71 - Milwaukee Bucks						Wednesday's Games			Los Angeles 36 31 3			Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.		
1971-72 - Los Angeles Lakers						Detroit at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.			San Francisco 33 32 5			Colorado at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.		
1972-73 - New York Knicks						N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:05 p.m.						Los Angeles at Houston, 8:05 p.m.		
1973-74 - Boston Celtics						Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.						San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.		
1974-75 - Golden State Warriors						Minnesota at Texas, 8:35 p.m.								
1975-76 - Boston Celtics						Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.								
1976-77 - Portland Trail Blazers						Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.								

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the homers may trigger a frenzy by which people suddenly awake in bleacher seats to the realization that they have paid an exorbitant fee to stare at the dandruff in the hair of some drunken fool whom, it is clear, has a spirited love for cramming peanuts into both his

nostrils.

I know what you must be saying to yourself all the time that "the rising number of home runs is truly a threat to national security."

You're correct. Just look, the Canadians are taking over. The Montreal Expos are now only 5.5 games behind the Atlanta Braves in the National League.

If, after all of the trees in America are chopped and used for

tests on baseballs, it is found that baseballs were "juiced" to allow for more exciting games, I think we, as Americans, should stand up against this tragic trend.

The next time more than two home runs are tallied in a game, you should whack the guy with the dandruff on the head using a piece of northern, white ash and let me know the speed at which the peanuts shoot upward, lodging in his brain.

N O W H I R I N G

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Shaq and Kobe join Magic and Wilt

Lakers end series with win over Pacers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Like Magic, Wilt and Kareem, there's only one word to describe Shaq and Kobe.

Champions.
 After so many years of coming up woefully short, after chapter and verse about their weaknesses and unfilled potential, Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant won their first NBA championships Monday night.

In an exciting fourth quarter that ended

Larry Bird's coaching career, O'Neal and Bryant led the Lakers to a 116-111 victory in Game 6 of the NBA Finals for the franchise's first title since 1988.

O'Neal scored 41 points, marking the third time he scored 40 or more in this series, and Bryant had 26 including four free throws that clinched it in the final 13 seconds.

O'Neal was the unanimous choice for MVP of the series, adding to his MVP awards from the regular season and All-Star game.

The victory gave coach Phil Jackson his seventh title — his first without Michael

Jordan — in just his first season coaching a Lakers team that had been ousted from the playoffs in each of the first three seasons since O'Neal and Bryant arrived.

O'Neal and Bryant hugged on the court after the final buzzer, and O'Neal was mobbed as he tried to leave the court. With his exit blocked, he turned around and headed to center court to receive the championship trophy.

As long as he worked to get to this point, it was only fitting that he stayed to get his rewards.

It was the 12th title in franchise history for the Lakers, the seventh since they moved to Los Angeles in 1960. Magic Johnson,

Kareem-Abdul Jabbar and Wilt Chamberlain had earned the Lakers' previous titles, and this starstruck city had been anxiously awaiting the next one — especially since the 7-foot-1, 330-pound unstoppable force arrived from Orlando in 1996.

Even though they trailed for most of the first three quarters against a better shooting, more experienced opponent, the Lakers were the better team down the stretch.

Indiana tied the game at 103-103 on a 3-pointer by Jalen Rose with 5:04 left, but that was the beginning of the end.

Robert Horry, who won his third career

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Pitcher's next move may be the pros

Ron White
 Sports editor

John Larson found himself in a pressure-cooker situation in 1997.

Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz called Larson to the pitching mound in a situation not many freshman baseball players see.

The bases were loaded with two outs. After tossing five pitches to the batter, Larson found himself one pitch from his first save — or possibly one pitch from his first loss.

Larson, who admitted that the situation weighs as his most stressful in four years of pitching for Eastern's baseball team, then threw a slider by the batter to preserve Eastern's winning style.

Now, four years and 300 innings later, Larson's next pitch will most likely come in a minor league game.

The Pittsburgh Pirates drafted Larson in the 21st round of the Major League Draft.

"It's a dream come true to have a chance to play baseball on TV," said Larson, who throws a fast ball in the high 80s. "It means a lot. The first time was great too. There aren't that many guys who get this opportunity."

Of course, opportunity came courting the pitcher in the past as well. Larson, who compiled 21 wins and 247 strikeouts as a Panthers starting pitcher, was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 14th round in 1999. However, instead of signing with the Twins, Larson chose to stay for his senior year at Eastern.

"I wanted to come back and get another year of school in," Larson said of his decision to stay with Eastern one more season. "And I had a blast the whole year."

But the baseball gods are throwing Larson a curve of their own.

Larson is currently participating in a rehabilitation program in Joliet, his hometown, to strengthen his shoulder. Larson's shoulder began to bother him late last spring, said the pitcher, who added that doctors diagnosed the injury as a ligament pull.

Because of the injury, Larson has yet to sign a minor league contract with the Pirates. But Larson said he is confident that he will be able to join one of the Pirates' Class A teams later this summer.

"I just had some bad timing," Larson said of the injury.

Larson said he plans to add another pitch to his arsenal when he does return to the mound.

Larson, who said he only used fast balls and sliders during his Eastern career, was named the Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1999.

From that same 1999 season came the hurler's most memorable Eastern moment, a game Larson pitched against Baylor in front of approximately 4,000 fans. Larson said striking out four straight batters to start the game against the 8th-seeded Bears brought him much pride.

His success has also brought coach Schmitz a great deal of pride.

"I'm really happy for John. He came back



File photo

John Larson hurls a pitch over the plate at a game at Eastern last season. Currently Larson is at home recovering from an injury, but he hopes to sign with the Pittsburgh Pirates soon. Larson turned down an opportunity to play with the Twins to stay at Eastern and complete his degree.

(to play after being drafted by the Twins), which was a very unselfish act, to pitch his senior year. That says a lot about the goals he had and the type of player he is," Schmitz said. "A lot of times individual success goes along with the team's success. Obviously we didn't have as good a year as we hoped and John suffered from that, but he still threw the ball really well."

"I think John has a bright future ahead of him. Pittsburgh really seems to be a college-ori-

ented club and I look for him to make a quick climb through the organization."

If Larson joins the Pirates organization soon, he will most likely begin his pro career playing Class A ball in Williamsport, Penn. But the future is somewhat uncertain at this point.

Larson, who majors in finance at Eastern, also said he plans to return in the fall to the university, where he needs to earn nine more credits to earn his degree.



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Homeruns causing a national crisis

In an Associated Press story Tuesday, it was reported that "when a baseball is fired at a wall of 2.5-inch thick, northern white ash, it is required to rebound at 54.6 percent its original speed, plus or minus 3.2 percent."

If you are as concerned about this fact as I am, you must be writhing around on the floor in extreme pain now wondering what Isaac Newton was thinking.

This unnerving report comes as some critics have voiced concern that the frequency of round-trippers in Major League Baseball is on the rise because the ball "has been juiced."

By "juiced," I must tell you, they mean that the balls have been raked across the muck in a civil suit and 78 million television reports while America searched for a glove to snag the slimeball.

I am certain that the reason we, as consumers, should care about how fast a baseball reflects from a slab of wood is obvious to most, making it an insult for me to explain it in any more detail.

But it has me red-faced and frustrated to think that some people don't care at all. So I must vent here.

You see, baseball was invented as a sport to offer Americans the chance to sleep while some guy named Chipper stands inches away from a ball that, even if hit with a large wooden club, will only bounce about ten feet in any direction.

But that hasn't been happening lately. In 1999, an record-setting average of 2.27 balls flew for home runs in each major league game. And this year, the average has jumped to 2.56, setting off a great debate among idiots.

The obvious threat here is that

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